

# Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

## Year in Review

### Marne memories made March 8 at Street Dance

MARCH 2007

**Sgt. Tanya Polk**  
*Editor*

As Marne Soldiers embark on another rotation to Iraq, the Division helped to relieve some of the deployment stress by holding a Street Dance in front of Newman Fitness Center, March 8.

Hosted by Fort Stewart's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the Street Dance celebrated both the 3rd Infantry Division's Soldiers and their Families.

"It is important because we are making memories," said Linda Heifferon, MWR director. "These Soldiers are going to be able to take these memories with them to Iraq and the Family members, children and the spouses are going to have these memories to keep and sustain while their Soldiers are gone."

Open to Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, and the surrounding communities, the Street Dance included entertainment for all ages.

Musical artists of different genres showed their support by performing hit songs and new releases. Recording artist, Michael Scott stole the show as Soldiers and Family members danced and sang along with him throughout the night.

"The true Americans are back here supporting you, and the Michael Scott band is here to support," said Scott to the crowd during his performance.

Children had a variety of festivities to choose from to include arts and crafts, rock climbing, balloons, snow cones, face painting, and Astro Jumps. Several concession stands offered Soldiers and their Families a plethora of food.

"(There was) everything from fried fish to smokin' barbecue," said Heifferon.

The Street Dance proved itself a memory builder, as soon-to-deploy troops were able to "let loose."

It's a stress reliever said Sgt. 1st Class

Roy Dyer, platoon sergeant with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, "and, gives us an opportunity to help build esprit de corps off duty and enjoy ourselves."

The Marne Street Dance gave Families another experience together before deployment.

"With all the current field problems in preparation for Iraq, this allows us to be reminded that this is a Family - first organization," said Pfc. Michael Bogner, Co. G, 703rd Forward Support Battalion, 4th



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**Several children join rapper, NK on stage at the Marne Street Dance, March 8.**

Brigade.

"Despite the separation that we are facing, we have things like this to look back on."



Graphic by Spc. Marques Hunt

Jorge Hernandez, 15, races up a wall with Kevon McDuffie, 6.

Spc. Marques Hunt

Amanda Franzen gets her face decorated at the Street Dance's festivities.

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JULY 2007

### Installation celebrates July 4th, thanks Soldiers, Families

**Pat Young**  
*Managing Editor*

The Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield July 4th celebration was a day-to-remember as the installation and local communities came together to put on the special Independence Day event in recognition of the efforts of Soldiers and their Families.

"Today's event is possible because of what our Soldiers are doing in Iraq and Afghanistan today," said Col. Todd Buchs, Stewart - Hunter garrison commander.

"They are fighting for our freedoms that we enjoy, which is what this whole Independence Day celebration is all about."

The installation and local communities provided free food, beverages and a diverse assortment of entertainment for everyone, young and old.

"I couldn't ask for a better day for our Soldiers and Families based on the support of our local community," Buchs said. "They have come out in the true spirit of supporting our Families."

"They're out here with them," Buchs continued. "Providing food for them, and making this day special."

The entertainment included a musical performance by Corey Smith; high flying stunts provid-

ed by Everything, Events and Entertainment; and a fire-works display.

Activities ranged from face painting to a large number of inflatable buildings made for jumping in, on and around. A mechanical bull ride, bumper cars, laser tag, skating, bowling, water-tag, splash ponds, and a rock-climbing wall were favorites.

Shows included performances by Stewart-Hunter Better Opportunity for Single Soldier's talent contestants, Teen Idol performers, dog tricks, clown acts, and stunt demonstrations.

A number of the attendees were Soldiers returning for rest and relaxation leaves.

"It's pretty fun being back for the 4th of July," said Sgt. 1st Class Sonya Willis, 1st Battalion 3rd Brigade Troops Battalion. "More so because it is our 20th wedding anniversary."

A crowd favorite, the performers from Teen Idol put on a show with acts performed by the winners of June's talent show, Joey Ilisho, 17 who performed original music on an acoustic guitar; drummer extra-ordinary Ira Boatner, 17; spiritual rap by Josh Perr, 16; country songs by Jennifer, 16, and Ashley Morris, 14, and the "Rap and Roll" sound of Beautiful Baby Giraffes.

Many more teen performers danced, sang and read poetry to the grateful applause of audience members.



Sgt. Tanya Polk

**Above: Pfc. Brian Fiebig, HHC, 1st BCT, (left) and Sgt Jeffrey Burnery, 1/9 FA (right), Soldiers with the 3rd Inf. Div. Rear Detachment Salute Battery, fire off one of 50 rounds which saluted each of our nation's 50 states as they joined the Union.**

**Left: Jimmyray Skinner, 6, holds on as the mechanical bull at the Stewart-Hunter celebration tries to swivel, dip, and buck him off.**



Pat Young



# MWR Briefs

## Chinese New Year’s brunch

Have a Chinese New Year brunch at Club Stewart 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Jan. 13. The menu features fried dumplings, egg rolls with duck sauce, sweet and sour pork, pork fried rice, beef with broccoli, stir fry station with chicken, shrimp, and oriental vegetables. The menu also includes sushi, fruit palm tree, our famous breakfast items, plus rice wine (cold and hot) and oriental beer. Fortune cookies and assorted desserts are also included. The cost is \$11.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) are half price and 5 year-olds are free. Bring a church bulletin and receive \$1 off each meal cost. For more information, call 368-2212.

## Tell Me A Story event slated

Military Child Education Coalition host a “Tell Me a Story” event, 2 p.m., Feb. 17 at Club Stewart. This week’s story will be Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot by Margot Theis Raven. The 3rd Infantry Division Family Support Group Leader, Sarah Lynch, will be the guest reader and every Family will get to take home a free copy of the book. Admission is free. Space is limited. For reservations, call 877-5330. The event is also at School Age Services at Hunter January 12. Tell Me A Story: Making Connections and Finding Support through Literature is an initiative that was created to empower our military children by using literature and their own stories in a way that fosters skills for resilience, strong peer and parent connections, and a sense of pride and accomplishment and a caring community.

## Advisory Council Meeting at TAHC

The meeting is scheduled Jan. 11, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Hunter Garrison Conference Room to discuss patient and Family centered care. All are welcome, including those who

are interested in becoming a patient advisor. Call Brandon Yarber, 315-5731, for information or email him at: [Brandon.yarber@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Brandon.yarber@amedd.army.mil).

## Join fitness program

Sign up now for the Civilian Fitness Program that begins Jan. 14 and runs through April 10. Call Eli Wilson at Tominac Fitness Center, 315-2019, and go online at [www.stewartmwr.com](http://www.stewartmwr.com) for the information you need to participate.

## Play All “U” Can Play

Play All “U” Can Play at Hunter Golf Course after 11 a.m., Jan. 14 to 17, 21 to 24, and 28 to 31. Cost is \$22 for military and retirees and \$26 for guests. Call 315-9115 for information.

## Come to Animal Crackers

This introduction to nature, will take place 10 a.m., Jan. 22 at CYS Youth Center, for children, ages 3-5. Cost is \$2 per child. Call 435-8205 for information.

## Bench press competition slated

Come to the Tominac Fitness center, noon, Jan. 23, to bench press percentages of body weight. Prizes awarded to winners. Call 315-2019 for information.

## Dive-in Movie

A Dive-in Movie is scheduled 5 p.m., Jan. 17, Tominac Fitness Center. Relax in the pool while enjoying the movie, Shark Tale. Call 315-2019 for information.

## Juice bar comes to Tominac

Smooth Operator has opened in the Tominac Fitness Center offering smoothies, coffee, drinks and snacks. Check it out!

## Splash into fitness

Water aerobics class hours extended. In addition to classes Tuesdays and Thursday mornings at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., water aerobics are now offered Thursday afternoons, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

## Have a chat with baby

The Baby Talk Hour Group at Hunter ACS New Gannam Community Center will not meet Jan. 15.

## Team Family night cancelled tonight

There will not be a middle school and teen Family night at the youth center tonight.

## Dogface Soldiers for Families class

Are you curious what “Rock of the Marne” means, or the smiling bulldog and the Dogface Soldier? This class for new Families and those interested will teach you the history of the 3rd Infantry Division and much more. The class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Jan. 14 at Army Community Services. For more information, call 767-3276.

## Ballroom dancing at Hunter

Come learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, rumba, cha, meringue, and swing. Class will be held from 7:15 to 9 p.m., Jan. 16 at Tominac Fitness Center. A partner is not necessary. For more information, call 315-5078.

## Fort Stewart Library Book Club

Join fellow readers and participate in book discussions. The club will meet from 7 to 8 p.m., Jan. 17 at Fort Stewart Library. Free books will be provided to club members for use in the discussion. Spaces is limited to 20 readers. For more information, call 767-2828.

## Moonlight Bowling at Stewart Lanes

Let the night owls shine at Stewart Lanes with bowling from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Jan. 19. The snack bar will have a special menu avail-

able featuring funnel cakes and nachos. The cost is \$2 per game/person and \$.75 shoe rental. For more information.

## Annual Teen Lock In

Come join us for an all night event of food, fun and teen activities. The lock-in will be held from 11 a.m., Jan. 19 to 7 a.m., Jan. 20 at the youth center. Space available for 60 Fort Stewart teens who are between 13 and 18 years old.

The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Registration ends Jan. 16. For more information, call 767-4491.

## Rock Climbing Wall contest

Come show off your rock climbing skills at Tominac Fitness Center at 5 p.m., Jan 30. Participants will be judged on speed and difficulty. Prizes will be awarded to winners. For more information, call 315-2019.

## Newcomer’s Expo slated

New Soldiers and Families are invited to come learn about the area and learn more about the community.

The event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., Jan. 24 at Hunter Club. Door prizes, refreshments and a variety of information will be available. For more information, call 315-2694.

## Come to employment workshop

Come learn what the Family Readiness Employment Program has to offer and get an employment overview within a 50-mile radius. You will also be able to view current job vacancies.

The workshop will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 24 at the Education Center. For more information, call 767-1257.

## Sign up for volleyball

Unit level volleyball sign ups at Hunter for 12-member team rosters are due by COB Feb. 29. For more information, call Mike Hughes at 315-4160.

## Pets of the Week



Ammy the kitten and Ghost the puppy are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



## AAFES PRESENTS

JAN 10 THROUGH 13



### August Rush

Thursday — 7 p.m.  
(Freddie Highmore, Robin Williams)

Lyla Novacek, a sheltered young cellist, and Louis Connelly, a charismatic Irish singer-songwriter, were drawn together by a street musician's rendition of "Moondance" and fell in love. After the most romantic night of her life, Lyla promised to meet Louis again but, despite her protests, her father rushed her to her next concert - leaving Louis to believe that she didn't care. Disheartened, he found it impossible to continue playing and eventually abandoned his music while Lyla, her own hopes for love lost, was led to believe months later that she had also lost their unborn child in a car accident. *Rated PG (some thematic elements, mild violence, language) 113 min*

### Enchanted

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.  
(Amy Adams, James Marsden)

The tale follows the beautiful princess Giselle as she is banished by an evil queen from her magical, musical animated land – and finds herself in the gritty reality of the streets of modern-day Manhattan. Shocked by this strange new environment that doesn't operate on a “happily ever after” basis, Giselle is now adrift in a chaotic world badly in need of enchantment. But when Giselle begins to fall in love with a charmingly flawed divorce lawyer who has come to her aid – even though she is already promised to a perfect fairy tale prince back home – she has to wonder: Can a storybook view of romance survive in the real world? *Rated PG (scary images, mild innuendo) 110 min*

### The Mist

Sunday — 7 p.m.  
(Thomas Jane, Marcia Gay Harden)

Following a violent thunderstorm, artist David Drayton and a small town community come under vicious attack from creatures prowling in a thick and unnatural mist. Local rumors point to an experiment

called the 'The Arrowhead Project' conducted at a nearby top-secret military base, but questions as to the origins of the deadly vapor are secondary to the group's overall chances for survival. Retreating to a local supermarket, Drayton and the survivors must face-off against each other before taking a united stand against an enemy they cannot even see. *Rated R (violence, terror, gore, language) 125 min*



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule, but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.



# HEALTH MATTERS

## Winn Army Community Hospital

### Army to get more military healthcare providers

**Jerry Harben**  
MEDCOM Public Affairs

The current shortage of behavioral health professionals facing the Army Medical Department is getting a boost thanks in part to the Army's recent decision regarding its military-to-civilian conversion program. That program, when carried through to fruition, would have converted 2,715 military medical and administrative positions to civilian positions through fiscal year 2009.

U.S. Army Medical Command will add 738 military positions in Fiscal Year 2008 and 554 more in FY09, said Herb Coley, chief of the manpower division at MEDCOM Headquarters. The positions are in addition to a like number that were converted to civilian employee slots as part of a Department of Defense initiative to get more military personnel into combat roles. MEDCOM will keep money allotted to hire the additional civilians, meaning the new military spaces are a net addition to MEDCOM strength.

"The Army has demonstrated a clear commitment to the health care of our

Soldiers by devoting scarce military force structure to the Army Medical Command through the reversal of programmed military-to-civilian conversions and the concurrent increase in additional government civilians," said Bill Thresher, chief of staff for MEDCOM.

"We continue to have funding for the civilians, then we get the new military spaces and are able to program them to job specialties we need. Thus we are able to respond to growing issues like behavioral health and traumatic brain injuries. Also, we will be able to meet the medical needs of the expanding Army," Coley said.

"Military authorizations will be redistributed to our hospitals with an emphasis on clinical positions, and with a further emphasis on behavioral health and rehabilitation specialties. Many of the new military positions are doctors, nurses or behavioral-health professionals. Geographically, there will be an emphasis on places that are isolated or medically underserved," Coley said.

Coley said the additional military spaces for MEDCOM are not being taken away from maneuver units.

### Winn Briefs

#### Winn/Tuttle observes federal holiday

Jan. 21 is Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, a federal holiday. On Jan. 21, services at *Winn Army Community Hospital* will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. The pharmacy will be closed Jan. 21. Full operations will resume Jan. 22.

All services, to include the pharmacy, at *Tuttle Army Health Clinic* and the Lloyd C. Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Jan. 21. Full operations will resume Jan. 22.

For more information, call 435-6965.

#### Parking lot repairs at Winn

Certain sections of the parking lot at Winn Army Community Hospital are closed for phase one of repair and resurfacing. The projected completion date for the entire project is Feb 15. Please exercise caution in the parking lot during this time.

#### Patient, Family Care meeting

Interested in becoming a patient advisor? Help us help you by joining the Patient and Family Centered Care Advisory Council meeting at Winn Army Community Hospital or Tuttle Army Health Clinic.

Winn's meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m.,

Jan. 28 at Winn's Patriot Auditorium. Questions call Linda King at 435-6225 or e-mail *Linda.king2@se.amedd.army.mil*.

Tuttle's meeting is scheduled for noon, Jan. 11 at Hunter Garrison Conference Room. Questions call Brandon Yarber at 315-5731 or e-mail *Brandon.yarber@amedd.army.mil*.

Patient and Family Centered Care standards include involving patients and Families in all aspects of the planning and delivery of health-care services.

#### Assistance offered to Soldiers

Charles McClain, ombudsman, is here at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield to assist Warriors in Transition and their Families regardless of whether the issue is related to medical matters.

Please contact Mr. McClain at his office 435-5415 or cell 980-8143, email: *mac.mcclain2@amedd.army.mil* or visit his office in the Lloyd C. Hawks Troop Medical Clinic 192 Lindquist Rd., Fort Stewart, Room 104.

#### New walk-in hours for ASAP

The Army Substance Abuse Program Counseling Center will have new hours for walk-ins Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Thursday 12:30 to 3 p.m. For more information, call Mrs. Graham at 767-5265 or 767-5267.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

#### November 29

• **Timothy Rayshawn Alston, Jr.**, a boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Timothy Rayshawn Alston and Shanice Shirrel Alston.

• **Serenity Faith Deshler**, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pvt. Aaron Deshler and Kandace Deshler.

#### November 30

• **Gunner Bradley Hawkins**, a boy, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class. Donald Hawkins and Rachel Hawkins.

• **Taumafai Roy Quarterman**, a boy, 10 pounds, born to Sgt. Randy Quarterman and Staff Sgt. Siatuu Quarterman.

#### December 1

• **Kobe Allan Pattillo**, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Steven Andrew Pattillo and Tiffany Michelle Pattillo.

• **Allison Marie Wasilewski**, a girl, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pfc. Christopher Michael Wasilewski and Amber Marie Wasilewski.

#### December 2

• **Jeilanie Angelly Gonzalez Garcia**, a girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Sgt. Angel F. Gonzalez and Jessica Gonzalez.

• **Nicholas Warren Martin**, a boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Michael Martin and Alecia Ericka Pelt Martin.

#### December 4

• **Nathan Michael Medley**, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Capt. Michael L. Medley and Jennifer E. Medley.

• **Teo Anthony Smith**, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. (Retired) Eugene Smith, Jr. and Ashley Smith.

#### December 6

• Jessica Elizabeth Bridge, a girl, 9 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Cory Dale Bridge and Alisa Lin Bridge.

• **Avi Isabell Miller**, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Andrew Lamont Miller and Lillian Marie Miller.

• **Damian Ray Masters**, a boy, 5 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pfc. Jonathan Masters and Blue Sky Masters.

#### December 7

• **Elijah Anthony Alvarez**, a boy, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Capt. Eduardo Alvarez and Lindsey Alvarez.

• **Christopher Jayden Detheridge**, a boy, 8 pounds, born to Sgt. Eric Christopher Detheridge and LeAndrea Christina Detheridge.

• **Sophie Grace Plank**, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Capt. Ryan Plank and Melanie Plank.

#### December 8

• **Chase Jay Brooks**, a boy, 9 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Kevin Brooks and Cynthia Brooks.

• **Jadon Oshane Crosse**, a boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Oshane Crosse and Rachel Crosse.

• **McKayla Nicole Dodson**, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. David G. Dodson and Stacy Dodson.

• **Elizabeth Grace Julian**, a girl, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. David Daniel Julian and Erin Lynn Julian.

• **Joseph Noce**, a boy, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Capt. Joseph Nicholas Noce and Julianne Noce.

#### December 9

• **Jaysie Marie Edwards (Solis)**, a girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Jason Edwards and Spc. Zuhailly Edwards.

• **Gillian Taylor Bertha**, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Justin M. Bertha and Sgt. Evelia Bertha-Rodriguez.

#### December 11

• **Desirae Inez Almasoud**, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Essa Almasoud and Julie Almasoud.

• **Tristan Daniel Main**, a boy, 10 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher Main and Kelly Main.

• **Adalyn Jane Norton**, a girl, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Jason Norton and Brooke Norton.

• **Araya Sunshine Pedraza**, a girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Jaime Pedraza and Selina Ashley Pedraza.

• **Elena Rose Picacho**, a girl, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Pfc. Daniel Picacho and Krystol Picacho.

• **Jayla Chadae Pressley**, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Shawn A. Pressley and Desiree Pressley.

#### December 14

• **Sophia Anne Fisher**, a girl, 5 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Capt. Jonathan Fisher and Sara Fisher.

#### December 15

• **Xavier Alexander Clay**, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Rickey Clay and Sgt. Sharell Clay.

• **Noah Obed Messenger**, a boy, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. Brian Messenger and Amanda Messenger.

• **Jaquelynn Rose Sudduth**, a girl, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. David Kelly Sudduth and Tonja Renee Sudduth.

#### December 16

• **Layla Lynn Coffman**, a girl, 9 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. Ashley Lynn Coffman.

• **Maleah Alexandra Guerra**, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pfc. Benjamin Lee Guerra and Yvette Guerra.

• **Aidan Nicholas Jones**, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Matthew Wayne Jones and Noele Marie Jones.

#### December 18

• **Madeline Paige Coward**, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. William Jessie Coward and Genny Coward.

• **Khyler Lee Laky**, a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Gerard Lee Laky, II and Katherine Maxfield Laky.

• **Daniel Allen Winchester**, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Christopher Allen Winchester and Tonia Marie Dublin-Winchester.

#### December 19

• **John Al Franklin Nash**, a boy, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Charles D. Nash and Diana I. Nash.

• **Kalie Irene Stull**, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Brandon M. Stull and Rochelle E. Stull.



# Mending fences helps you travel happy trails



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Courtesy of Bonneville Communications

Many a cowboy song has been sung about mending fences. Perhaps the beauty of the American West inspired so many dusty poets. Or maybe earning a living under a harsh sun or a winter wind constantly reminded them of how valuable a trusted friend really was. It could get pretty lonely if the only two settlers within a hundred miles of civilization weren't speaking to each other. So they learned quickly to mend fences, put disagreements behind them, pitch in, and move on.

The New Year's celebration, the oldest known holiday, is the time to do just that. Nearly every culture has its New Year's rituals, whether it's fireworks in China, handing out silver coins in Sri Lanka, or feasting in Mexico.

The purpose is the same for nearly everyone today, as it was in ancient Rome, where people handed out tokens engraved with the figure of Janus, whom they worshiped as a god. He had two faces—one looking forward and one back. In this way, he was said to remember the past but look forward to the future. And so it is with us. We celebrate the new year as a beginning, a chance to start over, to do better by not repeating the mistakes of yesterday. It is a time to mend fences and friendships.

The story is told of two farmers whose differences had gone on so long that each had forgotten why they were enemies. Finally, one of them went to the other with a fresh loaf of bread and apologized for anything he could not remember. They both laughed about it, a fence was mended, and another country song

was born.

This year, let us do as the Apostle Paul admonished: **"Put on charity. . . And let the peace of God rule in [our] hearts."** Let us remember that we are celebrating a change of heart, the chance to start over, the opportunity to forgive, forget, and move on. Let us be generous, giving our forgiveness out like silver coins, lighting up the sky with the fireworks of good deeds, and feasting on friendships that mean more to us than any earthly concern.

As we begin a new year, I wish you all happy trails.

**Editors Note:** This article is submitted and endorsed by the Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield Installation Chaplain (Col.) Ronald Hill.

## Chapel Schedule

### Fort Stewart

| Catholic                                      | Location                | Time        |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Mass                                   | .Main Post Chapel       | .9 a.m.     |
| Saturday Mass                                 | .Main Post Chapel       | .5 p.m.     |
| <b>Protestant</b>                             |                         |             |
| Contemporary Worship                          | .Marne                  | .11 a.m.    |
| Gospel Worship                                | .Main Post Chapel       | .11 a.m.    |
| Traditional Worship                           | .Marne                  | .9 a.m.     |
| Liturgical Worship                            | .Heritage               | .11 a.m.    |
| Kids' Church(K to 6th grade)                  | .Across from Dia. Elem. | .11 a.m.    |
| PWOC (Wednesday)                              | .Marne                  | .9:30 a.m.  |
| <b>Islamic</b>                                |                         |             |
| Friday Jum'ah                                 | .Marne                  | .1:30 p.m.  |
| Contact Staff Sgt. Aiken at 877-4053.         |                         |             |
| <b>Jewish</b>                                 |                         |             |
| Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084. |                         |             |
| Friday  | .Marne                  | .11:30 a.m. |

### Hunter Army Airfield

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|-------------------|---------|----------|
| <b>Catholic</b>   |         |          |
| Sunday Mass       | .Chapel | .11 a.m. |
| <b>Protestant</b> |         |          |
| Sunday Service    | .Chapel | .9 a.m.  |

### Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.  
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.  
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

## Kids Church

### Exciting Bible Lessons

with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

11 a.m. to noon, Sunday at Stewart School at Services or at Hunter, 9:15 a.m. Sunday, at the Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall.

## For all kids Grade K-6

### Stewart Bus Schedule

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

**For more information, call 767-6831 at Stewart or at Hunter call, 315-315-5934.**



## Stewart-Hunter Youth Ministries

### Fort Stewart

**Junior and Senior High School Students!**

6:30 to 8 p.m., Sunday

at Vale Chapel in Bryan Village.

**For more information call 877-7207**

### Hunter Army Airfield

**Join us for Motivating Fun!**

1 to 3 p.m.

the first and third Sunday of each month  
at the Religious Education Center,  
building 129, next to Hunter Chapel

**For more information call 315-5934**

## Attend Marriage 101

The unit ministry team conducts a marriage 101 seminar the fourth Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Chapel.

The session is for singles, engaged couples, newlyweds, and seasoned partners. The materials are provided as well as lunch.

For more information or to make reservations, call the Family Life Chaplain, at 767-7028.

## Liberty County Mass Choir

Rehearsals are 7 p.m. every Tuesday at

First Presbyterian Church, Hinesville.

Contact Cathy Goolsby to get your book and rehearsal CD at machlube@coastal.net or 369-4818; or contact Ronald Calhoun at rcalhoun@schoolofchurchmusic.org or 247-3424.



# Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

## Live Oak Public Libraries programs

Activities sponsored by the Liberty Branch Library and Midway-Riceboro Branch Library include these events:

### Preschool Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and more for ages 3-4 Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 14 and 28.

### Tree Tots Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and more for ages 1-2, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Jan 15, 22 and 29.

### Winter Wonderland Festival

Join us for a fantastic hour of Family fun at 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Liberty branch library and at 5 p.m., Jan. 15 at the Midway- Riceboro branch library. Wintry games and crafts for all ages.

### Tea & Tales Book Group

Tea & Tales will be reading Firebird by Janice Graham at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 24 at the the Midway-Riceboro Branch Library. For more information, call 884-5742.

### Introduction to Windows

A beginners course on how to use the library's computers will be at the Liberty Branch Library, at 10 a.m., Jan. 16. This course will cover using a mouse, manipulating the windows, and printing. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

### Introduction to PowerPoint

A beginner's course on how to use this presentation software will be offered at the Liberty Branch Library at 11 a.m., Jan. 26. Learn how to create multi-media presentations for school and business. Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or comparable experience. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

## Explore the performing arts in Savannah

The Savannah Sinfonietta and the City of Savannah encourage community members to learn more about the arts. For more information on this and other concerts by Savannah's own professional orchestra, visit [www.savannahorchestra.org](http://www.savannahorchestra.org) or call 800-414-3849.

## Human Resource Management meeting held

Coastal Society of Human Resource Management meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. If you are a human

resource professional and would like to attend a meeting or receive more information, please feel free to contact Holly Stevens-Brown, chapter president, at 876-3564.

## Explore Oatland Island Wildlife Center

Oatland Island Wildlife Center of Savannah invites community members to explore the facility and learn more about the native wildlife. The center encompasses a total of 175 acres of salt marsh, freshwater wetlands, and maritime forest habitats, and has a two-mile long "Native Animal Nature Trail." To learn more about oatland, visit online at [www.oatlandisland.org](http://www.oatlandisland.org) or call the center at 898-3980.

## New job Web site announced for Veterans

The American Legion and Avue Technologies have launched a joint Web site, [www.vetjobs.us](http://www.vetjobs.us), to substantially increase employment opportunities in the federal government for America's returning veterans.

The new site will be free to all users and will not contain advertising of any kind.

## Old Time Country Dance slated

An old time county dance, presented by the Savannah Folk Music Society featuring the Glow in the Dark String Band, will be presented Sunday. Call for location, 786-6953 or visit online at [www.savannahfolk.org](http://www.savannahfolk.org).

## Secret Garden performed

The Secret Garden will be presented Jan. 19-21, and 26-28 at the Savannah Children's Theatre 2160 E. Victory Drive. For more information, call 238-9015 or visit online at [www.savannahchildrenstheatre.org](http://www.savannahchildrenstheatre.org).

## 18th Annual Black Heritage Festival slated

An exhibition will be presented at the Sankofa African-American Museum on Wheels by the Savannah State University at the Massie Heritage Interpretation Center, 207 E. Gordon Street, Jan. 28-Feb. 2.

An experiential learning exhibit of artifacts that depicts a historical and chronological journey of African Americans. For more information, call 691-6847 or visit online at

[www.savstate.edu](http://www.savstate.edu).

## See the Jazz Odyssey with Chris Chandler

Savannah native and ASCAP Award recipient Chris Chandler will perform with John Kennedy, Billy Hoffman and Clair Frasier 5 p.m., Jan. 28 at the Cobblestone Conch House, 225 W. River St. For more information or tickets, which are \$10 for general admission, call 675-5419 or [www.coastal-jazz.org](http://www.coastal-jazz.org).

## Discover the Girl Scout Movement

Discover how Juliette Gordon Low, known for antics, artistic talent and disorganization founded the world's largest organization for girls and women Jan. 24.

Professional staff leads this lively tour at 10 East Ogelthorpe Ave., by reservation only. For more information, call 233-4501.

## Isaiah Davenport House Museum presents

Join in one of Savannah's Madeira traditions and experience the historic atmosphere of the Davenport House while learning about and tasting this unique and flavorful wine at the Isaiah Davenport House Museum, which presents "Potable Gold" Friday and Saturday evenings in February 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 22, 23, and 29 at 5:30 p.m. The program will last one hour.

The Isaiah Davenport House Museum, is located at 324 East State Street, Savannah on the corner of State and Habersham Streets.

Patrons are oriented to the long and rich tradition of Madeira wine as it related to the history of Savannah and then participate in a simulated Madeira party.

During the experience patrons will sample two types of Madeira and see the historic house at dusk. The program will last one hour.

For information or reservations call 236-8097 or email [jcre-dle@savbusiness.net](mailto:jcre-dle@savbusiness.net). Reservations must be received 24 hours in advance, four-person minimum, 14-person maximum. \$20 per person, All participants must be 21 years of age or older.

## BIRTHS \_\_\_\_\_ From Page 3B

### December 20

• **Benjamin David Cox**, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Thomas Cox and Gena Cox.

• **Meredith Bella McCreery**, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Maj. Christopher Michael McCreery and Emily Anne McCreery.

### December 21

• **Zamirah Amelia Merritt**, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Tarvis Merritt and Traci Merritt.

• **John Valentine Wink**, a boy, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. John Wink and Annette Wink.

• **Brianna Raye Rohan**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Todd-Anthoni Rohan and Amanda Graham-Rohan.



# WINN welcomes first baby of 2008



Maj. Ava Carr

Fort Stewart's 2008 New Year's Baby is 7 pound 1 ounce Makailah Alaine Johnson. Makailah, the daughter of Felicia White and Todd Johnson, Jr., was born at 4:37 a.m., Jan. 1 at Winn Army Community Hospital.



# Will Smith: Killing cannibals, breaking records

Commentary by:  
**Sasha McBrayer**  
*Fort Stewart Museum*

Unless you've been living beneath a rock this December, you already know that superstar Will Smith has a new sci-fi thriller. The exciting novel this flick is based upon has been brought to theatres many times before. In fact, before his version of Dr. Robert Neville, 1971 saw Charlton Heston as Neville, "The Omega Man", alone in a war against a family of light-sensitive, albino, night walking mutants. Before that Vincent Price starred in the kitschy 1964 movie, "The Last Man on Earth". "I am Legend" is a lean, thrilling adaptation, which includes bits and pieces from both the original novel and the previous films, with some new ideas mixed

in.

As Neville, Smith believes himself the last man on earth after a man-made virus has killed thousands, and made psychotic, night loving cannibals of thousands more, who in turn fed upon those with any immunity. Neville is naturally immune, and has made a rigid life of survival for himself and his dog, while still seeking to find a cure.

"Legend" is suspenseful and just scary enough to be delightful. It's smart and interesting in that it shows so thoroughly what Neville's life has become. While I have heard some protesting that the film could have done more with the zombie like villains, I feel their treatment of the creatures



was fairly good. More chills and gore would have driven the realistic action off a cliff and into the world of the million and one slasher zombie ridden films that already exist.

"Legend" is also the acting debut of another Smith, Will's daughter, Willow. Her effort is decent, though none can compare her to the utterly adorable and much heftier performance of son Jaden in "The Pursuit of Happyness."

By far, Smith himself (okay and the dog, too) is the greatest element of the film. His performance, even for science fiction, is Oscar worthy. His research included inter-

viewing POWs and inmates familiar with long-term solitary confinement. He is brilliant in allowing us to glimpse his mental state. Preparation also included notes from sci-fi middle weight, friend, Tom Cruise, who may have wanted the role himself after experience with "Minority Report" and "War of the Worlds". "Ali" aside, "Legend" features perhaps Smith's best, most affecting performance ever. His grit and gravity make "Independence Day" and "I, Robot" seem like trivial money-making productions without any measure of depth what-so-ever.

Trivial, money-making mega-productions do have their place, without a doubt, and to that end, better film or not, "I am Legend" has made a new record for any US, December cinematic release. To that I say, "Well done!"

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield  
honors

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

1:30 to 3 p.m.  
Jan. 16

Fort Stewart Main Post Chapel

For more information, Call Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Hoover,  
at 767-5855

## Volunteer Spotlight

Jeffrey Moody, of Racine Wisc., is a Red Cross volunteer working in Hearing Conservation at Winn Army Community Hospital. Moody volunteers because he loves working with Soldiers and wants to help keep hearing loss down.

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Shanken at 435-6903.





# Youth in Review

## Fishing derby lures Families

JUNE 2007

**Pat Young**  
Managing Editor

More than 300 community members from Fort Stewart and surrounding areas woke up June 9, grabbed their rods and reels, and headed to Pond 30 to participate in the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fishing Derby.

The event proved to be an occasion for the whole Family with activities to include face painting, crafts, information booths, snacks, and a stocked pond with plenty of fish for the catching.

Fish and wildlife departments helped at the event providing information displays.

Conservation enforcement officers Jason Beath and Carl T. Smith Jr., supported the event with a booth, answered questions and gave away free shirts, stickers and other goodies.

Smith said during these days of deployments, fishing gives Families something to do. It allows the children to enjoy an event

they may have enjoyed with their deployed parent. Smith said he hoped people would have fun and remember to enjoy what they have and to take care of the environment so they can continue enjoying it.

The event was an opportunity for Families to spend time together and have fun, without going far.

James Vanderzyl decided to take 5-year-old daughter, Marian fishing after hearing about the derby.

"She's been talking about going fishing for some time," Vanderzyl said. "I figured she was old enough to learn, and the fishing derby might be a nice place to try."

After people finished, they could bring their catch to a station, where helpers showed them the proper way to clean a fish.

Sponsors expressed their hope that people would take something away from the event besides the fish – memories of a good time, and a deeper concern for the environment.



Pat Young

*Easton and his wife Christina help count the fish they caught with their daughter Paisley, 9, who caught five, and their son Zander, 6, who caught two.*

JUNE 2007

## Teen idols wow attendees



Kelly McKinnon

*Joey Lliso, 17, won first with his original ballad and guitar performance, June 16.*

**Kelly McKinnon**  
Frontline Contributor

Have you ever heard someone play a song by rhythm and blues artist, Usher on the drums? That is exactly what Ira Boatner, 17, did when he performed at the Military Teen Idol contest, June 16, at the Bryan Village Youth Center gymnasium.

Boatner has played the drums since he was five-years-old. He took his first step toward that goal by placing second in the contest.

Joey Lliso, 17, took first place in the competition, with his original ballad and acoustic guitar performance. Coming in close behind Boatner was Leah Hayes, 11, who took the third-place spot with a con-

temporary gospel song.

One of the other crowd favorites was the band, Beautiful Baby Giraffes, who started playing together six months ago. Band members include Ariel Fernandez, 17; Travis Morningstar, 18; Erique Bollin, 17; Jawan Hill, 16; and Quentin Coleman, 19. They played their rendition of "Party like a Rockstar," by Shop Boyz. BBG proudly call themselves a drug-free band, and stated that performing on stage is their anti-drug.

This year's show was Fort Stewart's second Military Teen Idol.

"This year was definitely better than last year," said show director, Luis Camacho. "I'm expecting our third year will be even better," he said.

JULY 2007

## Youth gym brings big opportunities

**Pat Young**  
Managing Editor

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield advanced quality care for military Families July 28 with its grand opening of Jordan Youth Gym.

The event, attended by more than 100 people, offered refreshments, demonstrations, classes, arts and crafts, door prizes, and music.

The complex was refitted to accommodate youth programs, which include among others, basketball, weight lifting, martial arts, aerobics, gymnastics and dance classes, as well as health and education programs.

"We want to provide a safe and healthy environment, where young people can come, hang-out and have fun," said Larry Laughlin, the Youth Recreation and Fitness Director.

Highlighting the opening, the gymnastics portion of the event showcased the parallel horse, balancing beam, and floor facilities.



Graphic by Pat Young

*More than 100 community members joined celebrations at the grand opening of Jordan Youth Gym, July 28.*

The Tae Kwon Do, dance/aerobic and slam dunk competition were also crowd favorites.

Dance and fitness instructor, Taura Anderson, encouraged attendees to join her in aerobic-style dance classes.

"It's a great place to come and hang out," said Louis Torres, 17, a student at Liberty County High School and Fort Stewart summer hire. "My sister comes here all the time. She likes it a lot. I'm glad they did it."

To learn more about Jordan Youth Gym, visit, or call 767-5060.